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REMARKS

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1. The Hungarian Council of Ministers issued an order, according to which each industrial enterprise was held to build an air raid shelter. Air raid shelters already in existence had to be reconditioned and enlarged. The government decree incorporated all air raid precautionary measures ordered by the then Hungarian Government in 1942. [redacted] air raid shelters were repaired in all industrial enterprises in Sopron (P 48/X 63). One new shelter was built there. A total of about 40 emergency air raid shelters were newly built or repaired in dwelling houses in Sopron. Similar observations were made in Nagykanizsa (Y 4/A 26) and Zalaegerszeg (Y 4/V 10).

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2. The Hungarian Planning Bureau did not receive directives for the layout of new air raid shelters. Plans available from World War II were used instead. The only binding directive was that air raid shelters had to be splinter-proof and gas-proof. [redacted] the quality of air raid shelters was not very impressive. [redacted] the insufficient equipment of air raid shelters in industrial enterprises was motivated by the necessity that work in industrial plants had to continue during air raid warnings and would only be interrupted when the town involved was actually being bombed.

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Comment. The report supplements previous information. [redacted]

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